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### The Social Side of Washington

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, D. C., October 8.—Scarcely had the national capital recovered from the suppressed excitement of its week of great expectations and some realizations in the way of visits from President Taft and his Cabinet, an Imperial Chinese prince and a real live Sultan, of Sun, when its attention was required for the proper entertainment of distinguished delegates to the American Prison Association meeting, held in conjunction with the eighth International Prison Congress; noted apostles of the Catholic faith, who came for a large church convention; the Right Hon. Michael Doyle, Lord Mayor of Dublin, with his all-Ireland mail delegation, and a group of scientists in charge of the best exhibition of aeroplanes and aeroplane engines ever held in this city.

Society has also been busy welcoming its returning members, among whom may be mentioned such long-time favorites as United States Naval Commander and Mrs. William W. White, who are here to prepare for the approaching wedding of their daughter, Miss Anna Louise, to Lieutenant Hiram Leach Irwin, U. S. N.; General and Mrs. William P. Hall, the latter a daughter of former Senator J. C. Blackburn, of Kentucky, who have taken a house for the winter; Mrs. Grant, wife of Lieutenant Guyton Grant, third, who, with her young family, has just concluded a summer visit to her parents, Senator and Mrs. Elihu Root, at the latter's home at Clinton, N. Y.; Miss M. J. Sherrill, who hurried home from

Coburg, Can., to prepare for a visit from her brother and his wife, United States minister to Argentina and Mrs. Sherrill, who, with their young son, are now in Paris en route to the States.

Mrs. Franklin MacVeagh, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, has returned to her residence on Sixteenth Street Hill after spending the summer at her country home at Dublin, N. H., and a few days in New York City en route to Washington. Mrs. MacVeagh, than whom there is no more indefatigable hostess in the Cabinet circle, will open her home for the season, and accept a few very tempting invitations here before going to her former home in Chicago, where she will visit her only son, Eames MacVeagh.

Mrs. George L. von Meyer and her two daughters have planned to remain at their home near Hamilton, Mass., until the Secretary of the Navy returns there to vote, which will be at the end of the five-week tour of inspection in the South and West. The Misses Meyer, who by the way, always dress exactly alike, had very charming experiences abroad, despite their youth, during their father's service in the diplomatic corps in St. Petersburg and Rome. This year they added to the gaiety of life in rural Massachusetts, where their father's people have been prominent since Revolutionary times.

Owing to the President's early visit the regular autumn refurbishing of the White

House was done in September. Visitors to the capital are, therefore, seeing it at its best. The old-fashioned flowers, blooming hospitably in the gardens, arranged by Mrs. Roosevelt while she was first lady of the land, enhance the beauty of the grounds and add a peculiar charm to the historic surroundings. Especially attractive were they on Saturday afternoon when the famous United States Marine Band gave its regular weekly concert on the grounds south of the mansion.

According to the announced schedule President Taft will return to Washington with his family October 20—a date much anticipated by the gay official world, which expects the improved health of Mrs. Taft to make possible her more active participation in the functions of the season. There is also every reason to believe that she will have the assistance of her only daughter, who, if she is not a debutante, will be a near-society bud, which is quite as attractive.

Another near-debutante is Miss Virginia Le Sueur, granddaughter of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who arrived in Washington this week, accompanied by her aunt, Miss Helen Cannon. Though still a student at the National Cathedral School, Miss Le Sueur will enjoy the week-ends at her grandfather's home, and all the fun of being an honored guest at the Naval Academy, which is one of the most widely known official hostesses at the capital—her aunt, Miss Cannon, as her chaperon.

Miss Le Sueur, daughter of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, deprived last season from the full enjoyment of life as a Cabinet girl by reason of the mourning of her stepmother, may be transferred to the more conservative Supreme Court circle before she is many weeks older. The report that such would be the case has been very persistent recently, and added credence was given by the return of the entire Nagel family within the week, when the celebrated members of the high court circle were assembling for the season. Justice McKenna, the first and only Republican to occupy a seat on this august bench, arrived with Mrs. McKenna from McNeid, Mass., where they were the guests of her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Davenport Brown.

Justice John M. Harlan, doyen of the circle by reason of his thirty-one years' service, spent the summer, according to custom, at Murray Bay, Can. With Mrs. Harlan and their daughters, the Misses Laura and Ruth Harlan, he stopped in Albany en route to Washington, for a peep at the young family of his granddaughter, Miss Erastus Harlan. As Miss Edith Childs, Mrs. Corning spent her girlhood days in the Harlan home here. She was presented to official society by her maternal grandfather, and was given in marriage under her roof at one of the most attractive weddings of a few years ago. It is therefore, with deep personal interest that Washington hears reports of her life as a matron.

In diplomatic circles it is generally conceded that the King of Sweden recalled his minister to the United States, M. de Lagercrantz, to make him secretary of commerce of the Stockholm government instead of as a representative for his untactful speech before the Swedish societies in New York in the spring. And apropos to this, he remarked that his coming here in the first place was in line with Sweden's ambition to make upper Scandinavia as profitable to its sturdy sons as the latter have found this country. Color was given to this object by every speech of the retiring minister, who may now be depended upon to put to good use all he saw and learned here. M. de Lagercrantz was a millionaire many times over, and a business man first, last and all the time, though his life has been as adventurous as that of an up-to-date novel hero. His wife and two lovely daughters will be greatly missed here, and it will be many a day before society will see such a delightful bit of "transplanted Sweden" as was their home on Sixteenth Street Hill.

A new ambassador from Italy is now on the high seas coming to succeed Baron Mayor des Planches, whose transfer from Washington to Constantinople in the spring changed the official rank of the remaining eight ambassadors accredited to this government. By the ambassador of Austria-Hungary was made dean of the corps, others following in the order of the date of their arrival in the United States as the representa-

tives of their governments. Length of service here being the gauge by which ambassadors and their rank, it may so happen that the representative of a third-rate power like Turkey—at present the only such power having a first-class official to Washington—may be accorded precedence over the ambassadors of Great Britain, Germany and France.

Speaking of Turkey recalls a chance remark of Herr Richard S. Werner, a Berlin banker spending the week in Washington. According to Mr. Werner, the ambition of the Turkish ministry is to rank as a second-class naval power, and to this end the Ottoman government is buying German battleships with money borrowed in a German market, and both her army and navy officers are trained by German officers. The vital need for a Turkish fleet at this time is the imminent danger of a war between the Ottoman empire and Greece as a result of the claim of Christian residents of Crete to citizenship in Greece. As such they would have the right to send delegates to the national assembly to be held in Athens this fall, and if Greece admits these delegates Turkey is expected to make trouble at the point of the sword, a dangerously interesting possibility causing great concern in Washington, whence there went so recently as the bride of a Grecian diplomat, the socially-petted daughter of former Senator Cockrell.

of Missouri. The former Anna Ewing Cockrell, now Madame Coremilla of Athens, went to Greece on her wedding trip in July, and by reason of her husband's distinguished position, cannot fail to be vitally affected in the event of war between Athens and Constantinople.

The Chinese Minister, Chang Yin Tang, by removing this week from the spacious residence in Connecticut Avenue, in which he established the precedent for future Celestial diplomats living outside the legation home to the latter place is reviving the report of his approaching transfer from Washington to Constantinople, and incidentally giving credence to the probability of a Turko-Grecian misunderstanding. The home, until recently occupied by Minister and Madame Chang, is that of Colonel Francis Colton, father of the Governor of Porto Rico. Miss Marjorie Colton, who spent last season as the chaperone of the Governor's mansion, has just returned to Washington with Colonel Colton and her sister, Mrs. Archibald Davis, wife of Captain Davis, U. S. A., with whom she will spend some time in the old family home vacated by the Chinese.

Mrs. Roma Devonne Hempstead, of "Earncliffe," near Charlottesville, has come to

Washington for the winter. While here Mrs. Hempstead will serve as contralto soloist of the Church of the Covenant (Presbyterian), where she was heard to advantage last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Buckner, who came to Washington for the late September wedding of Miss Anna Eustace Davis, of Georgetown, and Murray French Snider, of Ohio, has returned to her home in Culpeper.

Miss Winnie Davis, of Atlanta, who was also the house guest of the bride's parents during the wedding festivities, has likewise gone to her home in the South.

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John Z. Holladay and of Charlottesville, Mr. and Mrs. John Glen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. J. have been the guests of city, have returned to Axton, Va.

W. P. Miller returned Lynchburg Saturday, after several days in Richmond.

J. W. Roberts has a home in Chase City, some time with friends.

C. B. Bryant left Richmond for his home in Springfield after a brief stay in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. children are the guests of James Young at their Avenue.

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